

## VIN Etching Dates

*Did you know that the National Insurance Crime Bureau (NICB) recommends a "layered approach" to protection? The more layers of protection on your vehicle, the tougher it is to steal!*

With the goal of reducing property crime a top priority, the Community Services Unit of the Maricopa Police Department is offering a program called **Help Eliminate Auto Theft (HEAT)**, which aims to teach crime prevention techniques through community awareness events. Since the program's inception, Mesa has seen a 15.5 percent reduction in automobile thefts.

Attend a HEAT event to have your **vehicle identification number (VIN)** etched on your vehicle windows and learn more about the [Watch Your Car](#) program and auto theft prevention. **Sign up for the Watch Your Car program or have your vehicle etched at any HEAT event listed below and get a free steering wheel lock while supplies last.**

There is no charge to have the etching done.

No reservation is necessary. Come and go. Just show up during the hours scheduled. Please be in line at least 15 minutes prior to the end time. Vehicles will not be taken the last 15 minutes.

The actual etching takes 10 minutes or less. Depending on how many vehicles are in line, the wait could be longer.

Please be sure to have your vehicle registration and insurance information with you.

Check with your insurance company once your vehicle is etched. Some will give a small discount, as it is a theft prevention device.

**Out-of-state vehicles are also welcome.**

If you have any questions, please call (520) 316-6882

The following dates have been scheduled for the Maricopa Police Department's HEAT events. **In the event of rain or high winds, the event for that day will be cancelled.**

Dates	Time	Location
Additional dates will be scheduled in the Fall.		

### Valleywide VIN Etching Events